

INTISAR SHAREEF 10/29/46 - 11/04/17 Home Going Service 11/8/17

Intisar Shareef known as "Dr. Shareef" was truly a cherished member of the community and loved by many. Originally from Newark, New Jersey, she came to the Contra Costa community in 1978 after many years of teaching and serving as "Regional Captain" of Muslim Girls Training programs of the Delaware Valley, under Hon. Elijah Muhammad and Imam W. Dean Mohammed, in Philadelphia. She came to Contra Costa College in 1985 after working many years in the Early Childhood field. She changed the lives of so many children, families, students and colleagues working in and running the Early Childhood Education Department and directing the Foster/Kinship Care Education Program. Over the past 15 years, she also worked for WestEd as a Faculty Member for the Program for Infant and Toddler Care (PITC). Intisar was also trained in the Pikler Method of Infant Care and served as a Board Member at the Pikler Institute in the United States.

Intisar was connected to a host of other community agencies and put everything she had into making the lives of children and families better and uplifting the community. Intisar also worked as an independent consultant and traveled the world to learn about other cultures and educate other communities about the needs of children. She recently traveled to China in hopes of bringing a new curriculum style back to the states that she believed honored children's learning in a more natural way. Intisar was a force to be reckoned with when it came to equity and diversity related issues. She was never afraid to speak her mind and through the honest way she lived her life she forced those around her to be a better version of themselves. Intisar truly made the world we live in a better place.

Intisar was preceded in death by her parents John and Laura Wilson, sister Deborah Wilson, and brother John Wilson Jr.

She leaves her children to mourn her: sons, Tauheed Shareef (Meggy), Darrell Shareef, Darius Shareef, Raheem Shareef, and daughter Tennikqua Napier. She also leaves behind two granddaughters Londynn Shareef and Tamina Shareef. Brother, Imam Wahy-ud Deen Shareef (Helima) and Sister-in-law Sandra Wilson, Uncle Addison "Sonnie" Wilson and Cousin Diedre O'Neal. And a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends, and a very special innercircle of sisters.

The Family thanks you for celebrating Intisar's incredible life. Donations in memory of her life may be made to the Intisar Shareef Scholarship Fund for the Early Childhood Education Department at the Contra Costa College Foundation (CCCF). Kindly mail checks to 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, CA. 94806. Make checks out to CCCF with "Intisar Shareef Scholarship" in the memo line.

You may also donate online at

http://donatenow.networkforgood.org/ contracostacollegefoundation and add "Intisar Shareef" to the "in memory of" line.

THANK YOU

Whosoever submits his will to God, while doing good, his wage is with his Lord, and no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they sorrow. -- Qur'an 2:112

> From the earth did We Create you, and into it Shall We return you And from it shall We Bring you out once again. --Surah Ta-Ha (Muslim)

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